

SECTION 1.1.
GENERAL DEFINITIONS

CHAPTER 1.1.1.

DEFINITIONS

Article 1.1.1.1.

For the purpose of this *Aquatic Code*:

[Affected establishment

means any *aquaculture establishment* in which a *disease* included in this *Aquatic Code* has been diagnosed.]

Basic disease security conditions

means a set of conditions applying to a particular *disease*, and a particular *zone* or country, required to ensure adequate disease security, such as:

- a) the *disease* is compulsorily notifiable to the *Competent Authority*, including notification of suspicion; and
- b) an *early detection system* is in place within the *zone* or country; and
- c) import requirements to prevent the introduction of *disease* into the country or *zone* as outlined in the *Aquatic Code*, are in place.

Crustaceans

means all life stages of *aquatic animals* belonging to the phylum Arthropoda, a large class of *aquatic animals* characterised by their chitinous exoskeleton and jointed appendages, e.g. crabs, lobsters, crayfish, shrimps, prawns, isopods, ostracods and amphipods.

Early detection system

means an efficient system for ensuring the rapid recognition of signs suspicious of a *listed disease*, or an *emerging disease* situation, or unexplained mortality, in *aquatic animals* in an *aquaculture establishment* or in the wild, and the rapid communication of the event to the *Competent Authority*, with the aim to activate diagnostic investigation with minimal delay. Such a system will include the following characteristics:

- a) broad awareness, e.g. among the personnel employed at *aquaculture establishments* or involved in *processing* of the characteristic signs of the *listed diseases*;
- b) veterinarians or aquatic animal health specialists trained in recognising and reporting suspicious disease occurrence;
- c) ability of the *Competent Authority* to undertake rapid and effective disease investigation;
- d) access by the *Competent Authority* to laboratories with the facilities for diagnosing and differentiating *listed* and *emerging diseases*.

Infected aquaculture establishment

means an *aquaculture establishment* in which a *disease* listed in this *Aquatic Code* has been diagnosed.

Official declaration of freedom from disease

means that the *Competent Authority* of the country concerned has formally declared the country or a *zone* of the country to be free from a *listed disease* based on implementation of the provisions of the

Aquatic Code and Aquatic Manual

Subclinical

means without clinical manifestations, for example a stage of *infection* at which signs are not apparent or detectable by clinical examination.